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NOTICE OF APPEAL

Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Examiner dated May 26, 2005, rejecting claims 21-24, 58-61 and 68-72 in the above-identified application.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1951 in the amount of \$250.00 to cover the appeal fee (37 C.F.R. 1.17(e)). Attached herewith is a petition for an extension of time. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including any additional fees for filing of the Notice of Appeal) are hereby authorized to be charged to McGuireWoods Deposit Account No. 23-1951.

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